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Sen. Stamas announces Wal-Mart's \$2,500 donation to Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area

LANSING – Wal-Mart has donated \$2,500 to the Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area, said state Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

“This donation will have a significant impact on the entire community,” Stamas said. “Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area does such great work in helping people achieve the American dream of home ownership. I would like to thank Wal-Mart for helping Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area reach its goal this year.”

The donation will allow Habitat for Humanity –Alpena Area to build a home for Beverly Rosario, store manager of Alpena's Dollar General, and her two granddaughters Stephanie and Christina. The home will be located at 227 W. Alfred St.

“We feel it's important to give back to the community,” said Kathy Ceci, assistant store manager of the Alpena Wal-Mart. “Alpena is a great place to live and do business and we are pleased that we can help Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area build this house.”

Following Hurricane Katrina, construction costs have soared and individual contributions to Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area are down, making every donation vital.

“We are experiencing a shortage in funding and this contribution will help enormously,” said Habitat for Humanity – Alpena Area Interim Executive Director Craig Brownridge. “This gift will allow us to build this house so that a truly deserving family can call it ‘home.’”

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit organization that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness.

Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

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